

rotationally driven by the motor assembly, the supporting member positioned in facing relationship to a radial web of the rotary disc, the supporting member supporting the speed reducer;

wherein said actuating device is installed in a machine room provided on a top floor of a building in which said ascending and descending cage is disposed, said machine room is adjacent an elevator passage for said cage and a rotation surface of said sheave is generally perpendicular to an axis of rotation of said sheave and opposed to a side of said cage when said cage is positioned at said top floor.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are currently pending in the application, as amended. Claim 1 was amended to clarify that the driving section includes a motor assembly, an input shaft and a supporting member, the motor assembly including a rotary disk extending radially, a rotor being fixed to an circumference of the rotary disk, the input shaft fixed to a central portion of the rotary disk, the input shaft being rotationally driven by the motor assembly, the supporting member positioned in facing relationship to a radial web of the rotary disk, the supporting member supporting the speed reducer. Support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found in Fig. 1 and throughout the Specification of the above-identified application. Attached is a Marked-Up Version of Claim, showing the amendments made to claim 1, wherein underlining indicates additions and bracketing indicates deletions. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by this amendment.

CLAIMS

Claims Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Aulanko in view of Mato

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over European Patent Application No. 0 719 724 A1 ("Aulanko") in view of Japanese Patent No. 11-79627 ("Mato"). The Examiner argues that Aulanko discloses each of the elements of claim 1 except for the inclusion of a speed reducer at its driving section which is disclosed by Mato and would have been an obvious design modification to the device of